



SIMPLIFIED INTERLINE SETTLEMENT

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We would like to wish you all a wonderful holiday season with family and friends, and a Happy New Year.

SIS Team

SIS Live updates

SIS has now been in live operations for over two months!

We would like to give you some highlights of the key numbers achieved so far in SIS:

- ✓ **212 companies** have signed the SIS agreement and became SIS members
- ✓ **60 members** have started submitting invoices through SIS
- ✓ **14 more members** have successfully certified test files through Sandbox and are ready to migrate
- ✓ **37,834 invoices** have been processed
- ✓ **1,15 billion USD** in value for settlement processed
- ✓ **356 companies** have been billed by their partners through SIS
- ✓ **14%** of the total ICH settlement value

These numbers are impressive and mark a very successful start of SIS. We are looking forward to welcoming new members and providing even greater benefits to the industry, in line with the goals and vision of SIS.

Lessons Learnt from 2nd month of SIS Operations

▪ **MISC Invoices submitted through SIS**

In order to improve the data quality in SIS we would like to remind members that using the combination Charge Category “Miscellaneous” and Charge Code “Miscellaneous” is not recommended. One of the goals SIS aims to achieve is to have automatic posting and reconciliation. However, the misuse of the “Miscellaneous” Charge Category and Charge Code makes it impossible for billed members to leverage this benefit of SIS.

We advise members to analyze their invoice types and to correctly submit them according to the descriptions of Charge Category and Charge Code as per RAM Chapter A13. The combination Charge Category “Miscellaneous” and Charge Code “Miscellaneous” should only be used as a last resort and only for exceptional cases when the invoice type does not fit in the 91 possible Charge Category and Charge Codes available as per RAM A13.

▪ **Data issues**

In order to support increasing the quality of data submitted through SIS, we would like to encourage any participants who have received data which has caused posting and reconciliation issues to write to SIS Operations sisoperations@iata.org

▪ **F12 duplicate invoices**

To avoid duplicate billings we would like to remind members to take more care not to submit transactions already submitted to SIS through their ICH F12 file after migrating to SIS. This causes significant extra work for all parties involved.

Testing & Certification

To fully benefit from the SIS platform, entities that have signed the IS Participation agreement need to start planning their testing and certification of the various transaction types in SIS. This is essential to begin submitting IS format input file such as the IS-IDEC and IS-XML. More details of Sandbox and Certification Testing can be found in the [Sign-up and Certification Guide](#).

Signing of IS Participation Agreement

SIS has been live now since P1 Oct 2011 and already we have 60 participants submitting invoices through SIS for Passenger and Miscellaneous transactions.

After doing an analysis of the billings in SIS we identified that about 356 entities have been billed through SIS, of which 125 have not yet signed the IS Participation Agreement.

We have issued a number of SIS bulletins which explain that SIS will store the entire 4th Quarter of SIS outputs for billed entities until December 31, 2011. This means that if the IS Participation Agreement is signed before then the outputs will be available for download directly from the IS Web. Unfortunately, after this date the outputs will be removed from SIS and the standard 60 days of storage in SIS will be applied to outputs from P1 January onward.

Also, please note that as a result of the 45th Revenue Accounting Meeting held in September 2011, participants which have already migrated to SIS will not be required to send paper invoices and supporting information for SIS transactions effective January 2012.

The IS Participation Agreement can be downloaded from www.iata.org/sis under the What's New section.

For further information please contact sisoperations@iata.org.

IS-Web Review in Montréal for Cargo and UATP, 12th-14th December 2011

From December 12th to December 14th, the IS-Web Review for CARGO and UATP was held in Montreal. In total, 15 participants representing 10 different carriers attended this review. The SIS Project team met the review's objectives of;

- 1) Validating the IS-WEB Screens with the corresponding Business Processes
- 2) Ensuring the screen flows were logical and easy to use
- 3) Validating the coverage of Business Requirements.

The SIS Project team would like to thank all the IS-Web Review participants for actively participating and helping us to improve the SIS application for CARGO and UATP.



OLD IDEC Service discontinued

At the end of October 2012 the OLD IDEC file for Passenger and Cargo will be discontinued. This means that the last OLD IDEC file will be for the month of September 2012.

As the IDEC file is the only way to send / receive invoice data for non-migrated carriers, it is essential that all the non-migrated IDEC members make plans to migrate their prime billings for Passenger and

Cargo to SIS before September 2012. After this date, SIS will be the only service for electronic billing data exchange.

Miscellaneous (MISC) invoices through SIS

While the migration of Passenger billings to SIS is moving at high speed, the volume of MISC invoices submitted to SIS is much lower in comparison. We would like to encourage participants not to forget the importance of submitting MISC invoices through SIS in order to fully benefit from SIS platform (also, see next item).

ICH Web Opt Out for Migrated Members

Effective from April 2012, airlines that have migrated to SIS will have the option to provide a 6 month notice to the ICH that they are opting out from the ICH Web. Following the 6 month notice period, billings to ICH Members that have opted out of ICH Web will have to be submitted through SIS. It is important that all Members of the ICH make their plans accordingly.



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